



Cheltenham East Primary School

Grade 6

Term 1, 2023 Newsletter



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HELLO AND WELCOME

Welcome to the final milestone of primary school. We are very excited to be sharing this special year with your children as we prepare them with the tools and thinking skills needed for secondary school.

We look forward to seeing our students guide their buddies as well as watching our new school leaders step up to embrace their roles.

We're in no doubt that it's going to be a fantastic year and look forward to sharing it with you.

Tom, Tegan and Yvonne

DIARY DATES

10-24 Feb: Interschool Sport on Fridays

6th & 10th Feb: Welcome to School morning (8.50 - 9:30)

20th Feb: House Swimming Carnival

21-24 Feb: Beach Swimming Program

21st Feb: School Photos

6th Mar: District Swimming Sports

13th Mar: Labour Day holiday (No school)

31st Mar: District Lightning Premiership

6th Apr: End of term 1 – early dismissal

Please note: At 8.55am each morning, music will play over the speakers. This is the time for students to enter buildings and organise bags.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

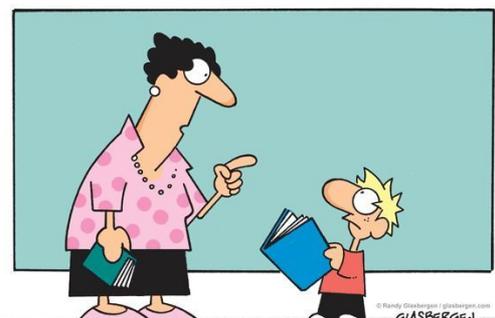
	6A	6B	6C
ART (Mrs Reid)	Mon	Thur	Mon
LOTE (Signora Mondy)	Thur	Mon	Mon
Music (Mrs Digby)	Mon	Mon	Thur
P.E. (Mrs Robinson)	Mon	Wed	Mon

HOMWORK

In Grade 6, our aim is to help students build independent study techniques in preparation for their further education. Homework will begin in a few weeks time once class routines have been established.

In line with the CEPS homework policy students are expected to complete 120 mins of homework per week. You can find the homework policy on the CEPS website.

Homework will be set via Google Classroom every week. Each month, students will complete 3 mini research activities (1 per week) and then publish them in their homework book in the final week of the month. To reinforce what they are learning in the classroom, weekly Mathletics tasks will be set for the students to complete. In addition to this, students will be expected to read at home every day. All homework tasks will be given out on Friday and will be due the following Friday.



"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains"

ENGLISH

Reading

Our students will be engaged in shared and independent reading routines throughout the term.

We will be focusing on the comprehension skills of summarising, making connections, inference, and note taking. Our first term Read Aloud is Ungifted by Gordon Korman. Every student will also be involved in Book Club, reading a shared novel with a group of students. Each week the groups will unpack their novel and build their reading skills.

Writing

Using the 6+1 Writing Traits model our students will be supported to consolidate and grow their knowledge of different genres and writing structures. Our focus for Term 1 is poetry and procedure writing.



Speaking & Listening

Students will be supported to develop their presentation skills with a focus on language choice (appropriate to audience & context) and voice. Additionally, questioning will be encouraged as we develop our Inquiry skills.



MATHS



Maths is taught using a range of games, problem solving tasks, mental maths challenges and skills practice. There is a strong emphasis on providing students with opportunities to explore Maths concepts in a variety of different ways with guidance from their teacher.

At the beginning and end of each term, students will be assessed to establish their prior knowledge on the topics to be taught that term, so that teachers can work from their individual points of need. Students will be exploring Place Value and how numbers can be represented (square/triangular/prime, negative/positive, decimals) with an inquiry approach.



HUMANITIES AND SCIENCE

"Who has the power?" is our Term 1 focus question for Humanities. We will be exploring Federation and how laws are passed through government. We will also be researching the major laws that have been passed through Australian history and how they have shaped the way our country is today.

Our Science unit 'Change Detectives' is all about material structures, properties and, reversible and irreversible changes. We are excited to develop our hands-on experimental skills as well as our understanding of chemical reactions.



YARNING CIRCLES & WELLBEING

In Grade 6 we maintain an emphasis on the promotion of our school values through weekly yarning circle discussions and activities within the Resilience Project. During this phase of tremendous growth and change for our students, wellbeing is at the fore. We regularly take time to celebrate our successes and share our thoughts to keep our classroom a happy, caring and safe learning environment. This term we're practising skills needed for COURTESY.



When preparing your child's lunchbox, please avoid nuts and nut products as we have children with allergies across the school. Thank you